**Democracy and Authority: Gilded Age**

Task: To examine a variety of sources about the Gilded Age (1876-1900). Your goal will be to collect information, take notes and make conclusions so you can create a visual that captures the state of American Democracy during the Gilded Age. Your image should contain the below features:

1. Title that cleverly captures image
2. Create a single visual (not an image containing several different pictures to represent the various examples) that **captures the state of American Democracy and Authority** during the Gilded Age.
3. Image must contains evidence from each of your sources- use parenthetical citation next to image to cite source.
4. As you read and watch the listed sources take notes/answer questions so that you will be able to capture the state of American democracy during the Gilded Age.

Sources to be used and cited from in creation of image:

1. Crash Course on Gilded Age- On wikispace and refer to question sheet
2. Pendleton Act
3. The Arrival of Reform: How Tammany Hall Operated
4. The Lost World of Gilded Age Politics: The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

**1. Crash Course**: Go to my wikispace to access the link for the Gilded Age Crash Course

Directions: Watch the clip and answer the below questions.

1. *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today* was written by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley. In their book, what claim do they make about the state of American Democracy?
2. What is the purpose of a political machine? (if clip moves to quickly- you can look up from another source)?
3. What were popular tactics used by political machines when attempting to secure votes from immigrants?’
4. Describe the Credit Mobilier Scandal? Whose reputation did the scandal tarnish?
5. What was the Whiskey Ring? Whose reputation did it tarnish?
6. Describe the focus of the Gilded Age Presidential politics?
7. What was the Civil Service Act of 1883? What larger impact did it have on Presidential elections?
8. Identify and describe how state governments expanded their responsibility of public welfare and health during the Gilded Age.
9. What were some of the reforms the Populist Party (Former Grange movement/Farmers Alliance) desired?
10. Based on the information presented, write one-two sentences describing the state of American Democracy during the Gilded Age? (perhaps focus on- who had power? What did that mean for democracy and authority?)